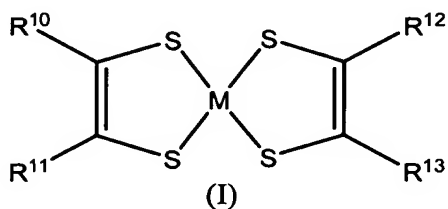


Abstract

The present invention provides an IR-absorbing dye suitable for formulating a water-based inkjet ink, said dye being of formula (I):



wherein:

M is selected from Ni, Pd or Pt;

10 R^{10} and R^{11} are independently selected from C_{1-30} hydrocarbyl, or R^{10} and R^{11} together are joined to form a C_{2-30} hydrocarbylene group;

R^{12} and R^{13} are independently selected from C_{1-30} hydrocarbyl, or R^{12} and R^{13} together are joined to form a C_{2-30} hydrocarbylene group;

wherein at least one of R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} or R^{13} comprises a hydrophilic group.

15 Dyes of this type are especially suitable for use in netpage and Hyperlabel systems.